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PETITION TO EXPUNGE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.59

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.59, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to expunge information from the above-referenced application file. The subject matter of this request is not information forming part of the original disclosure, nor is it information that was submitted under MPEP § 724.02 or as part of the IDS. As such this petition to expunge is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b) and is thus appropriately directed to the Office of Petitions for a decision thereof.

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Information to be Expunged

In the final Office action mailed June 6, 2006, the Examiner included, under a sub-heading entitled "Duty of Disclosure," various statements regarding 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and regarding an Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on October 17, 2005. Then, following a telephonic interview with the undersigned, the Examiner sent out an interview summary sheet dated September 7, 2006, indicating that these previous statements had been withdrawn.

Despite the Examiner's indication that his statements are withdrawn, the statements are, and will continue to remain of record. As will now be explained, Applicant submits that these statements were wholly inappropriate in that the statements are at least: (1) contrary to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) policies set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (M.P.E.P.); and (2) inconsistent with legal precedent set forth by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC).

1. The Examiner's Statements are Contrary to USPTO Policies

It is well-settled that a high level of proof of intent to mislead the USPTO is required in order to find that a party has committed inequitable conduct. FMC Corp. v. Manitowoc Co., 835 F.2d 1411, 5 USPQ2d 1112 (Fed. Cir. 1987). This in part is why the M.P.E.P. explicitly states that "the Office will not comment upon duty of disclosure issues." M.P.E.P. § 2010. The rationale behind this policy is that "Office determinations would significantly add to the expense and time involved in obtaining a patent with little or no benefit to the patent owner or any other parties with an interest." Id. Nonetheless, rather than follow the rather explicit guidelines provided in the M.P.E.P., the Examiner in the instant application clearly commented upon the issue and indicated, if not explicitly, at least implicitly that Applicant failed to comply with the duty of disclosure requirement.

2. The Examiner's Statements are Contrary to CAFC Precedent

The Examiner indicates that the Written Opinion of an International Search Authority must be provided to the USPTO as part of an IDS in order to satisfy 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. The Written Opinion, as is known, is provided by either the International Search Authority (ISA) or an International Preliminary Examination Authority (IPEA), and

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expresses the Authority's opinion regarding the patentability of a claimed invention based on prior art cited in the International Search Report. In those instances where the USPTO is not designated as the ISA or IPEA, the Written Opinion is provided by a foreign patent office. For example, in many instances the European Patent Office (EPO) is designated as the ISA or IPEA.

The CAFC made it abundantly clear in ATD Corp. v. Lydall, Inc. 159 F.3d 534 (Fed. Cir. 1998) that opinions of foreign patent offices, such as Written Opinions generated by the EPO or other foreign offices, do not constitute material information as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Specifically, the CAFC stated that "it is the reference itself, not the information generated in prosecuting foreign counterparts, that is material to prosecution in the United States. The details of foreign prosecution are not an additional category of information." Id. at 547 (citing Molins PLC v. Textron, Inc., 48 F.3d 1172, 1180 (Fed. Cir. 1995)).

Conclusion and Request

In view of the foregoing, Applicant's representative believes he has clearly established that the Examiner's statements on pages 2-4 of the Office action mailed June 5, 2006, and the Examiner's statements on the Interview Summary sheet mailed September 7, 2006 regarding Duty of Disclosure are appropriate for expungement. As such, Applicant's representative respectfully requests that this Petition be granted and that this information be expunged from the file wrapper of the instant application.

If for some reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient fee for this Petition, please consider this as authorization to charge Ingrassia, Fisher & Lorenz, Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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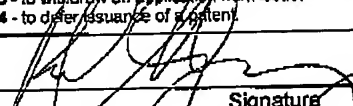
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- § 1.47 - for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor.
- § 1.59 - for expungement of information.
- § 1.103(a) - to suspend action in an application.
- § 1.136(b) - for review of a request for extension of time when the provisions of section 1.136(a) are not available.
- § 1.295 - for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.
- § 1.296 - to withdraw a request for publication of a statutory invention registration filed on or after the date the notice of intent to publish issued.
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- § 1.314 - to defer issuance of a patent.



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